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SUBJECT: PRESS STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG

- 1. AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG RELEASED THE FOLLOWING STATE-MENT TO THE PRESS IN GENEVA ON JULY 13, 1978.
- 2. (BEGIN TEXT:) A LENGTHY INTERVIEW HAS BEEN EXCERPTED TO GIVE AN ERRONEOUS IMPRESSION OF MY VIEWS ON THE TRIAL OF MR. ANATOLY SCHARANSKY.
- 3. LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT I AM FULLY IN ACCORD WITH THE STRONG STATEMENTS CONDEMNING THE PERSECUTION OF SOVIET DISSIDENTS ISSUED BY PRESIDENT CARTER AND SECRETARY VANCE AND HAVE ACTIVELY SUPPORTED THE MOVEMENT FOR UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS AND ESPECIALLY THE CAUSE OF SOVIET JEWRY FROM MY EARLIEST DAYS IN THE U.S. CONGRESS.

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- 4. NOR HAVE I EVER EQUATED THE STATUS OF POLITICAL FREEDOM IN THE U.S. WITH THAT IN THE SOVIET UNION. I KNOW OF NO INSTANCE IN THE U.S. WHERE PERSONS HAVE RECEIVED PENALTIES FOR MONITORING OUR GOVERNMENT'S POSITION ON CIVIL OR HUMAN RIGHTS.
- 4. LAST JUNE IN ATLANTA AT A SERVICE OF WORSHIP MEMORI-

ALIZING THE HOLOCAUST I MET THE YOUNGER BROTHER OF MR. SCHARANSKY AND I WAS GREATLY IMPRESSED BY THE COURAGE AND DETERMINATION HE EXPRESSED TOWARD THE PURSUIT OF FULL CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN HIS COUNTRY. HE SAID THAT SOVIET CITIZENS WANTED AND NEEDED STRONG REACTIONS FROM ALL FREEDOM-LOVING PEOPLE AND PRAISED THE HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS THAT WE EXPRESSED. END TEXT. VANCE

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